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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE CONCERNED

Mr. Bossuyt, Ms. Daes, Mr. Eide, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Ms. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Joinet, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Ms. Palley, Mr. Park, Ms. Warzazi, Mr. Weissbordt and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

1997/... Illicit transfer of arms

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Conventions on Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto,

Bearing in mind the "Guidelines for international arms transfer in the context of General Assembly resolution 46/36 H of 6 December 1991" adopted in 1996 by the United Nations Disarmament Commission,

Deeply concerned at the recurrence of armed conflicts exacerbated by the illicit transfer of arms, their incidence on the enjoyment of human rights and on the application of international humanitarian law, as well as by their adverse consequences for international and regional peace and security,

Urges States to foster international cooperation, to exchange information, to promote technical assistance and to promulgate administrative and legal measures aimed at the prevention and control of the illicit transfer of arms,

Decides to authorize the inclusion of this question in the preliminary document concerning a study in the context of human rights and humanitarian norms, on weapons of mass destruction or with indiscriminate effect, or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, to be submitted to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session.